



## Agriculture and Markets

Saturated Buffer Pilot Program  
RFP0237  
RFP Questions and Answers  
(Final)

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**Q: In regard to scoring, the RFP states that consideration will be given to projects in a target area with documented concern for nitrogen loading. What documentation will be acceptable?**

A: To document concern for nitrogen loading, applicants should reference watershed plans or NYS Priority Waterbody Lists (PWLs) that state evidence of nutrient loading from agricultural sources. It is not necessary for the documentation to specifically reference nitrogen.

**Q: Will the cost of monitoring (lab testing cost, reporting, labor, etc.) need to be included as part of the budget or is another entity plan on doing the monitoring?**

A: The cost of monitoring is listed as an eligible expense. Applications are expected to have a monitoring component included. Monitoring may be done by the District or a partner entity.

**Q: If the District does have to do the monitoring will it need to be for the Life Span of the Practice (NRCS 604 Saturated Buffer)?**

A: No, as stated in the RFP, the standard term for all contracts will be three years. Costs for monitoring done outside of the contract dates is not eligible for reimbursement.

**Q: What is the life span of a Saturated Buffer?**

A: According to Dr. Tom Isenhardt, Iowa State University, you can assume a 20-year life span for Saturated Riparian Buffers.